

RESOLUTION NO. 01-03

A RESOLUTION OF OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC. SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AQUIFER STORAGE AND RECOVERY TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the citizens and environment of South Florida may benefit from the implementation of Aquifer Storage and Recovery ("ASR") Projects associated with the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan ("CERP"); and

WHEREAS, the proposed CERP ASR components include 333 ASR wells, an unprecedented scale for implementation of this technology; and

WHEREAS, further research is warranted to ensure that injection of surface waters that may contain microorganisms into Florida's aquifers may not impact public health and water supplies; and

WHEREAS, since ASR technology is not subject to evapotranspiration or seepage losses and requires only an acre or two (2) per ASR well system, it may provide significant cost-effective benefits beyond those achievable by above-ground reservoirs already proposed in CERP; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc., desires to support the implementation of ASR technologies for the purpose of protecting the environment and public water supplies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC., THAT:

SECTION 1: The foregoing recitals are true and correct.

SECTION 2: The Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc. supports ongoing efforts by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection ("FDEP"), and the South Florida Water Management District ("SFWMD"), to proceed in a cautious, methodical manner to answer the many questions about implementing ASR, including the concerns about the fate of microorganisms in aquifers.

SECTION 3: The combined strategy of (a) conducting three (3) CERP ASR pilot projects at Lake Okeechobee, Caloosahatchee River and the Western Hillsboro Basin, as well as a City of

West Palm Beach demonstration project, and (b) evaluating the projected impacts of the proposed 333 ASR wells on the environment and existing water users through an ASR Regional Study, is an appropriate way to address these technical issues.

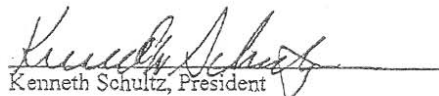
SECTION 4: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the FDEP and the SFWMD are urged to conduct the necessary data collection and scientific studies to truly evaluate the ASR technology for the benefits of Everglades Restoration and long-term regional water supplies as outlined in the CERP.

SECTION 5: The Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc. requests that a copy of this Resolution be sent to all other municipalities in Palm Beach County asking for their support by adopting a similar resolution, and to such other entities as may be appropriate who will address this issue.

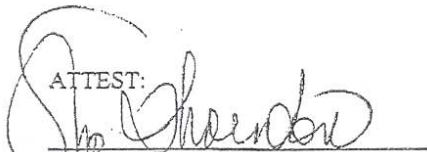
SECTION 6: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of October, 2001.

THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEAGUE OF
CITIES, INC.


Kenneth Schultz, President

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Mo Thornton, Secretary/Treasurer

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